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1. GEORGIA TECH EDUCATORS STELSON, SHEPPARD AND DEBS REASHED TRAINING AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DURING VISIT HERE MARCH 8 TO 12. ALGERIANS WILL SEND BETWEEN 50 AND 150 STUDENTS TO GEORGIA TECH FOR STUDY. FIRST BATCH OF 40 OR 50 WILL LEAVING IN JUNE OR SEPTEMBER 1975 (BETTING HERE LEANS TO SEPTEMBER) FOR GRADUATE STUDIES, WITH LATER GROUPS SCHEDULED FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE WORK. AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THREE TO SIX-MONTH INTENSIVE ENGLISH BEFORE BEGINNING ENGINEERING COURSES. ALGERIANS WILL PAY ALL EXPENSES. ESTIMATED COST DOLLARS 4,500 PER YEAR PER STUDENT. ALGERIANS TOLD GEORGIANS THAT THEY PREFERRED TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH UNIVERSITY RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH LIAISON ORGANIZATION. THEY SAID THEY DISENCHANTED WITH EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

2. COMMENT: GEORGIA TECH EXPERIENCE FIRST INDICATION THAT MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HAS FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO GET ON US-TRAINING-OF-ALGERIANS BANDWAGON. SIMILAR LARGE-SCALE PROGRAMS TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNDER MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND ENERGY OR NATIONAL CORPORATIONS SPONSORSHIP. NEGATIVE REACTION TO COLLEGE LIAISON COMMITTEES USED BY EDC IS PERPLEXING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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